



House of Representatives

General Assembly

File No. 224

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Substitute House Bill No. 6454

House of Representatives, March 25, 2009

The Committee on Public Safety and Security reported through REP. DARGAN of the 115th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CONCERNING THE CERTIFICATION OF A CHIEF OF POLICE.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

- 1 Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) Notwithstanding the provisions of
- 2 sections 7-294d and 7-294e of the general statutes, the Police Officer
- 3 Standards and Training Council shall not consider the certification of a
- 4 local chief of police who has retired as an active chief of police in the
- 5 state and who has returned to the state as an interim chief of police less
- 6 than three years after his or her retirement lapsed, and shall grant an
- 7 extension of such certification until July 1, 2009, without requiring
- 8 additional training pursuant to section 7-294d of the general statutes,
- 9 provided such chief of police submits to a polygraph examination and
- 10 background investigation.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section
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PS *Joint Favorable Subst.*

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OFA Fiscal Note**State Impact:**

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 10 \$	FY 11 \$
Police Officer Std. & Training Council	GF - See Below	None	None

Note: GF=General Fund

Municipal Impact:

Municipalities	Effect	FY 10 \$	FY 11 \$
Various Municipalities	Savings	Potential Minimal	None

Explanation

The bill requires the Police Officer Standards and Training Council (POST) to recognize and extend until July 1, 2009 the certification of a local chief of police who retired as an active chief of police in the state and has returned to the state as an interim police chief less than three years after his or her retirement, provided such chief submits to a background and polygraph examination. This does not result in any fiscal impact to the state.

Current law establishes a number of training requirements that must be satisfied in order for certification standards to be met under the circumstances described in the bill. To the extent that a municipality utilizes the services of a police chief satisfying these circumstances, there is a potential savings associated with not having to provide the training specified under current law in order to maintain certification.

The Out Years

None

*Source(s): Connecticut State Regulations 7-294e-2(a); Public Safety and Security
Committee Public Hearing Testimony 2/24/09*

OLR Bill Analysis

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SUMMARY:

The Office of Legislative Research does not analyze Special Acts.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Public Safety and Security Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 14 Nay 7 (03/10/2009)